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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF ARAB CAMPAIGN TO OUST
ISRAEL FROM UNGA AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 157805

GENEVA PASS TO MOYNIHAN

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER (OR MOST SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL AVAILABLE) TO EXPRESS ON INSTRUCTIONS US VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY THAT DECISION MAY BE TAKEN AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR JIDDA, JULY 12-15, ON LAUNCHING CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM 30TH UNGA.

2. YOU SHOULD SAY WE HOPE REPORTS WE HAVE HEARD THAT SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED THERE ARE INACCURATE BUT THE POSSIBILITY CONCERNS US SUFFICIENTLY THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE OUR VIEWS CLEAR IN ADVANCE OF MEETING.

3. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING: US STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE SUSPENSION OR EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS WELL AS FROM THE PRACTICAL STAND-POINT THAT SUCH A MOVE MIGHT VIRTUALLY BRING TO A HALT FURTHER NEGOTIATING EFFORTS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE US FEELS THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD NOT EVEN COME BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IS CONCERNED LEST INITIATIVES TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE COULD SET IN MOTION A

CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP OR DIVERT. EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE EASY TO RESIST PROPOSALS IN FAVOR OF SUCH A MOVE AT JIDDA, DOING SO WILL BE A SMALL EFFORT COMPARED TO THE POLITICAL PRICE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID TO STOP IT LATER. SOME MIGHT THINK OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE AS A MANEUVERABLE PRESSURE DEVICE BUT IT COULD WELL GET OUT OF THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO SHARE OUR DESIRE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE PEACEFUL SEARCH FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, AND INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE

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WHO REJECT THIS COURSE.

4. SHOULD IT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE GA, ISRAEL COULD WELL ARGUE THAT IT WAS NO LONGER BOUND BY UN RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 344 WHICH ARE, RESPECTIVELY, THE AGREED BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

5. EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL, ACTION TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD UNDERCUT THOSE IN THE US AND EUROPE, NOT TO MENTION THOSE IN ISRAEL, WHO ARE WORKING FROM THE PREMISE THAT LEADING ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ISRAEL AND MAKE PEACE. PUBLIC REACTION TO SUCH A MOVE IN THE WEST WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WEAKEN THE UN, PERHAPS BEYOND REPAIR, WITHOUT MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST; IN REALITY THE END RESULT WOULD MAKE ANY PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE INFINITELY MORE DIFFICULT AND THE DRIFT TO WAR MORE LIKELY.

6. THEREFORE US HOPES THAT GOVERNMENT WILL THINK VERY SERIOUSLY OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN A DECISION TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA. THE USG HOPES YOU WILL OPPOSE ANY SUCH MOVE AND CONVINCE OTHERS TO FOLLOW YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS QUESTION.

7. FYI. SIMILAR DEMARCHESES ARE BEING MADE TO ALGIERS, CAIRO, JIDDA, AMMAN AND DAMASCUS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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